

Remarks

In an amendment filed on June 29, 2006, Applicants canceled claims 1-10, 15-2, and 32-29 and presented claims 39-59 for examination. In an Office Communication dated October 20, 2006, Examiner asserted that the amendment was non-responsive because the claims would have been subject to a restriction requirement had they been presented with the original claims in the application.

During an interview during the week of November 14, 2006, Examiner instructed that if the pending claims were amended in such a way that the original claims would read upon them, that the claims would not be subject to restriction. Applicants have amended the claims accordingly. (Compare, e.g. original claim 28 and independent claims 39 and 47 in their current form.)

On the basis of the proposed amendments, Applicants respectfully request that Examiner enter the proposed claim amendments and promptly examine the claims in their amended form. In addition, in accordance with Applicants' interview with Examiner, Applicants respectfully request that Examiner contact the undersigned should Examiner believe it will help expedite furtherance of this application.

Respectfully Submitted,
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